CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application.

Please amend claim 1 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-18 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A body-worn personal communications apparatus, comprising:

a physically-shortened electric antenna;

a transceiver connected to said physically-shortened electric antenna;

a microphone connected to said transceiver; and

a casing,

wherein said transceiver is disposed within said casing, ~~and~~

wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna ~~and said microphone~~ are is mounted on said casing, and

wherein said microphone is mounted on said physically-shortened antenna.

2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a helical antenna.

3. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a meander-line antenna.

4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is mounted transversely to a plane through said casing.

5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said microphone is located at an end of said physically-shortened electric antenna furthest from said casing.

6. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a coaxial cable that provides electrical connections between said microphone and said transceiver.

7. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 5,

wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a hollow wire,

wherein a first electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by said hollow wire, and

wherein a second electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by a conductor enclosed by said hollow wire.

8. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said microphone provides a low impedance at radio frequencies to thereby enable said coaxial cable forming said physically-shortened electric antenna to act as an inductive stub.

9. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said microphone provides a top loading to said physically-shortened electric antenna.

10. (Previously Added) A body-worn personal communications apparatus, comprising:

a casing;

a physically-shortened electric antenna mounted on said casing; and

a microphone mounted on said physically-shortened electric antenna.

11. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a helical antenna.

12. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is a meander-line antenna.

13. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is mounted transversely to a plane through said casing.

14. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said microphone is located at an end of said physically-shortened electric antenna furthest from said casing.

15. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

a transceiver,

wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a coaxial cable that provides electrical connections between said microphone and said transceiver.

16. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said microphone provides a low impedance at radio frequencies to thereby enable said coaxial cable forming said physically-shortened electric antenna to act as an inductive stub.

17. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

a transceiver,

wherein said physically-shortened electric antenna is formed from a hollow wire,

wherein a first electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by said hollow wire, and

wherein a second electrical connection between said microphone and said transceiver is provided by a conductor enclosed by said hollow wire.

18 (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said microphone provides a top loading to said physically-shortened electric antenna.